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Honorable Wayne Kuipers, Chair
Michigan Senate Judiciary Committee
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan

RE: SB 1283

Dear Senator Kuipers and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Michigan National Organization for Women opposes SB 1283 that would overly regulate abortion providers by requiring them to use "the most technologically advanced ultrasound equipment available at that location."

We regard the bill as unneeded. Abortion providers, like most medical personnel, use their equipment they have in the most medically effective and efficient way to protect the health of all patients. Abortions may be provided in multi-use health facilities where other important medical procedures are taking place. Which medical need gets the most technologically advanced ultrasound equipment needs to be left to the decision of medical personnel and not legislated on behalf on one medical condition.

The Senate Judiciary Committee members could help prevent abortions if it would help get the Women's Health and Pregnancy Prevention package of bills through the Senate. HB 5155 (requiring emergency contraception to be prescribed for sexual assault victims in emergency rooms), HB 5158 (requiring informed consent in crisis pregnancy centers), HB 5163 (requiring comprehensive sex education in schools providing sex education), and HB 5165 (requiring emergency contraception education) are in Senate Health Policy and Education Committees awaiting Senate action.

We urge you to vote no on this unneeded legislation.

Sincerely,

Mary Pollock
Legislative Vice President

NOW's purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men.